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FOR : PROTECTION OF FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

S I R:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the above identified application, which was mailed on May 25, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Response and consideration of the above-identified application on the merits. Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time for responding to this Requirement. Accordingly this Response is due, together with the fee for a two-month extension of time (\$195.00), on or before Monday, August 27, 2001.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the fee for extension of time and any other fees or to credit any overpayments associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this response is enclosed.

The Examiner has required that an election be made to one of the two following patentability distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-36, "drawn to a method of protecting female reproductive system and a method of preserving, enhancing or reviving ovarian function."

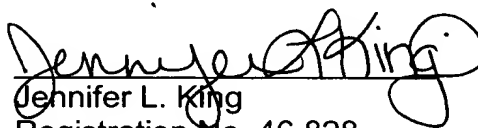
Group II: Claims 37-45, "drawn to a method for *in vitro* fertilization of a mammal."

Applicants elect the first noted invention (Group I, Claims 1-36).

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4363 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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